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RE: Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in the practice of Hematology/Oncology in the state of Washington, and deal extensively with Hospice patients. It has come to my attention that patients who are on Hospice that are too ill to go into the methadone clinic patients, and for that matter patients who are too ill even though they are not on Hospice, to go daily to methadone clinics, cannot be maintained on methadone by Hospice or their private physicians because this is against the law.

I find this very difficult to deal with, especially in the Hospice patients. The law that requires only addiction specialists to prescribe methadone to chronically addicted patients even in their terminal state I think should be repealed.

Please have your committee address this.

Sincerely,



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